

28. (New) A method for transporting cooked pizza according to claim 20, further comprising a step of:

(a) heating said thermal storage assembly by direct current.

29. (New) A method for transporting cooked pizza according to claim 20, wherein said step of placing a thermal storage assembly within said sub-chamber comprises moving said thermal storage assembly through said opening for accessing said interior volume.

30. (New) A method for transporting cooked pizza according to claim 20, wherein said heat retention member comprises a phase change material.

31. (New) A method for transporting cooked pizza according to claim 20, wherein said heat retention member comprises a dielectric oil.

32. (New) A method for transporting cooked pizza according to claim 30, further comprising a step of:

(a) heating said heat retention member comprising a phase change material to store latent heat.

33. (New) A method for transporting cooked pizza according to claim 20, wherein said sealed container includes a rigid base.

REMARKS

The above amendment cancels claims 1-19 in favor of new claims 20-33. No new matter is introduced by this amendment, and entry thereof is requested.

The Examiner's attention is directed to U.S. Patent No. 5,750,962 which issued on May 12, 1998. In addition, the Examiner's attention is directed U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/581,929. Both the patent and the patent application are assigned to Vesture Corporation, the assignee of the above-identified patent application.

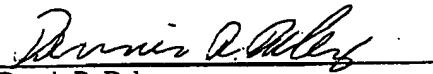
It is believed that this application is in condition for examination. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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